

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROBERT N.
BROADBENT

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 10, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and accomplishments of my friend and mentor Robert N. Broadbent, a lifelong resident of Southern Nevada who dedicated his life to public service. Robert Broadbent passed away in August 2003, but he left a legacy of honor and integrity that will not be forgotten.

Robert "Bob" Broadbent was born in Ely, Nevada on June 19, 1926. From a young age, his parents, N.E. "Broddie" and Hope Broadbent, instilled in him strong family values and a commitment to serving his community. Bob's father served as mayor of Ely for 16 years, and also served on the University Board of Regents and the State Pharmacy Board. During World War II, Bob served 2 years in the Army Air Corps. When he returned home, Bob attended the California Institute of Technology and the University of Nevada, Reno, before earning his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Idaho State University in 1950. Upon graduation from college, Bob began working at Rexall Drug in Boulder City, Nevada, and eventually purchased the drug store.

On January 4, 1960, Boulder City was officially incorporated under the State of Nevada. The city charter called for an elected five-member council, which would then choose one of its members as mayor. Bob was elected a member of the city council, and was then appointed to be the first mayor of Boulder City. The post entitled him to a seat on the board of directors for the newly formed Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority LVCVA. Bob served on the LVCVA board for 20 years and spent 8 of those years as chairman. Bob remained on the Boulder City Council until 1968. By that time, his love for politics had prompted him to run for the Clark County Commission. He won, and served 12 years on the Commission, representing a district that included Boulder City, Henderson and North Las Vegas. Bob also served as the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Water and Science under President Ronald Reagan, and was Clark County Director of Aviation from 1987-97. During his tenure as Director of Aviation, McCarran International Airport became one of the Nation's 10 busiest airports in the United States.

Though Bob served the State of Nevada with honor and distinction, his greatest legacy is his family. He and his wife Sue raised four children, Bob, Kathy, Doug and Michele, who became strong members of the southern Nevada community. They have 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

There are several lasting monuments that add to the legacy of Bob Broadbent, including the Las Vegas Monorail, which is named in his honor. On Tuesday, July 4, 2006, the city of Boulder City named a park for him. A bust of Bob Broadbent now stands at the corner of 5th Street and Avenue B, on the northwest corner of the newly dedicated Broadbent Park, formerly known as Central Park, or the Pool Park, as the residents of Boulder City know it.

Bob's leadership was unsurpassed and his example was one of the driving forces behind

my desire to be involved in public service. He was a valued friend who taught me a great deal about the political world and how to approach it with honor and integrity.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join with the people of Boulder City in paying tribute to Robert N. Broadbent on the floor of the House. His life stands as a tremendous example of leadership. He dedicated his life to enriching and improving our community and I am grateful for the legacy of service he left for the people of southern Nevada.

FREEDOM FOR DR. JOSE LUIS GARCÍA PANEQUE

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my Colleagues about Dr. Jose Luis García Paneque, a political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

Dr. García Paneque is a leader of the opposition movement in Cuba. He is a surgeon by training, and a member of the Cuban Independent Medical Association. He is also a leading independent journalist. As a director of the independent news agency Libertad and a member of the Manuel Marquez Sterling Journalists Society, Dr. García Paneque has also devoted his efforts to letting the world know the truth about the nightmare that is the Castro regime.

On March 18, 2003, as part of the tyrant's heinous island wide crackdown on peaceful, pro-democracy activists, Dr. García Paneque was arrested. After a sham trial, he was sentenced to 24 years in the totalitarian gulag. Let me be very clear, Dr. García Paneque is a young doctor in a dungeon because he is a supporter of freedom, democracy, and because he worked to shine the light of truth on the depravity and horror that is the Cuban tyranny.

The U.S. Department of State's Country Reports on Human Rights Practices—2005, describes the deplorable conditions in the totalitarian gulag, "Prison conditions continued to be harsh and life threatening." Unfortunately, this is far too true for Dr. García Paneque. According to various reports, he has lost over 40 kilograms while in prison. He has had to be hospitalized multiple times while incarcerated. The latest reports are especially disturbing. Once again hospitalized because of the depraved conditions in the totalitarian gulag, he is now suffering from various life threatening maladies.

The Castro tyranny is not only murdering Dr. García Paneque because he believes in liberty, they are also attacking his family. According to a report filed by Yamilet de los Angeles Llanes Labrada, "Dr. García Paneque's four children are psychologically affected by their father's imprisonment and by the constant harassment they are forced to sustain. At least three times a week, groups cry out dictatorship slogans from outside García Paneque's home." This is the grotesque reality of living under Castro's tyranny: if you demonstrate your belief in freedom, the tyrant will lock you in a dungeon and regime thugs will mercilessly attack your family.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. García Paneque is the face of the real Cuba. Despite these gangster

tactics, heinous threats, and life threatening illness, Dr. García Paneque continues to demand human rights for the people of Cuba. He is languishing in an infernal gulag because he believes in freedom, truth, democracy, and human rights. His family is being constantly threatened because of these "dangerous" beliefs.

Mr. Speaker, it is unconscionable that journalists and physicians like Dr. García Paneque are locked in dungeons for writing the truth. At the dawn of the 21st Century, it must no longer be acceptable for anyone in the world, anywhere in the world, to be locked in a gulag for reporting the facts. My Colleagues, we must demand the immediate and unconditional release of Jose Luis García Paneque and every political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

HONORING HEARTLE WELLS FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS OF EXEM- PLARY SERVICE WITH AVERITT EXPRESS

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 10, 2006

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Heartle Wells for more than 25 years of exemplary service with Averitt Express.

In honor of this milestone, Wednesday, July 12, has been declared "Heartle Wells Day" by his employer.

Through these many years, Heartle has done more than pick up and deliver freight in and around Lebanon in his red Averitt Express semi. In the community, both his sense of humor and his compassion are well-known and retold by many through "Heartle stories."

Heartle's co-workers tell me he is a prankster whose jokes have grown to urban myth proportions over the years. But Heartle also has a serious side, and he always has taken the time to help customers with special situations and community members in need.

I commend Heartle for providing an example to his fellow driver sales associates and the citizens of Wilson County that extends beyond his red cab. I congratulate him on his 25 years of service, and I wish him many more years of success.

TRIBUTE TO DOYLE WILLIS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 10, 2006

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my deep heart-felt regrets for the loss of a great Texan, Doyle Willis, who dedicated 42 years of his life to Texas politics, and was fondly described as "one of the last remaining war horses in Texas," by former Fort Worth City Councilman Jim Lane.

Mr. Willis was a World War II veteran who proudly represented central Fort Worth as both a State Senator and as a House Representative between 1947 and 1997, marking his 42 year career as the second longest tenure in Texas history.

Often referred to as a legend in Texas politics, Mr. Willis, was well known for looking

after the best interests of his constituents, his fellow veterans, and in his own words, "the two classes of people I need to worry about in the Texas Legislature are the old and young people."

His accomplishments included helping establish laws that let victims of child abuse give court testimony by videotape and enabling them to avoid face-to-face confrontations with their abusers.

He earned the Bronze Star medal in World War II when he fought in the Pacific, and later became a strong voice for advocating veteran's causes.

During his tenure in the Texas Legislature, he was instrumental in drafting many of Texas' civil service laws protecting police officers and firefighters. As a Texas legislator, Mr. Willis made it a felony to steal someone's dog.

Born August 18, 1908, on a farm near the small town of Peeltown located in rural Kaufman County southeast Dallas, Mr. Willis attended the University of Texas and earned degrees in education and economics and later attended Georgetown School of Law where he earned his JD.

Since retiring from the Texas House of Representatives in 1997 and until a few months before his death, he remained an active lawyer and a stagnant participant in his civic duties.

Mr. Willis was known as a friend to every man and woman who ever wore a uniform and spent the majority of his tenure making life better for all veterans.

HONORING IRMA COLEN

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 10, 2006

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Irma Colen, an extraordinary philanthropist and dear friend who died last week.

Irma gave her time and energy to many needy causes in Southern California. She volunteered countless hours at scores of civic and philanthropic organizations, serving on the boards of the ACLU Foundation, the University of Judaism, and many others.

But it was health care for needy families which held a special place in her heart. When Irma was 12 years old, she had rheumatic fever and had to spend many days in a public hospital. "I know that if I were going to get better, it would be because the people taking care of me truly cared about my health," she said many times over the years. This childhood experience spurred a lifetime of support for the Venice Family Clinic, which provides free health care to homeless, needy, and uninsured members of the Venice community.

Irma worked over 30 hours a week at the Clinic, and countless other hours in the community getting others interested and involved. She was a force of nature, working tirelessly to develop the Clinic's private support base and programs. As a member of the Clinic's Board in 1999 and 2000, I observed Irma's effectiveness in raising millions.

Among Irma's most creative and best known fundraisers for the Clinic was the Venice Art Walk, which she and other volunteers organized in 1981. The event, which includes tours of artists' studios and an art auction, has at-

tracted thousands of visitors and raised millions of dollars for the Clinic.

For these and other charitable efforts, Irma earned scores of commendations and awards, including the President's Volunteer Service Award in 1992. But it wasn't the awards and recognition that motivated her. It was her commitment to caring for the less fortunate among us.

She was a generous friend, a dynamic personality, and a prodigious worker. She will be sorely missed by Lou and their family, scores of her friends, and generations of patients whom the Clinic has ably served.

TRIBUTE TO LUIS E. BARKER

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 10, 2006

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, we will celebrate the career of Luis E. Barker, Deputy Chief of the United States Border Patrol, as he retires after 35 years of service to our nation.

Chief Barker began his career in law enforcement as a military policeman in 1971. After leaving the military in 1973, he spent five years as a police officer and detective in the Jersey City, New Jersey Police Department.

In 1978, Chief Barker became a U.S. Border Patrol agent stationed in El Paso, Texas, which is the community I am proud to represent in the House of Representatives. He has been promoted consistently during the course of his career, serving in supervisory positions at the Border Patrol Academy in Glynco, Georgia and Border Patrol Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He also served as Deputy Regional Chief of the Southern Regional Office in Dallas, Texas; Assistant Chief Patrol Agent and later Deputy Chief Patrol Agent of the Del Rio Sector; Chief Patrol Agent of the Laredo Sector in 1995; and Chief Patrol Agent of the El Paso Sector in 1998. Most recently, in 2005, Chief Barker was appointed Deputy Chief of the United States Border Patrol.

Throughout his career, Chief Barker has demonstrated the utmost professionalism and true dedication to the Border Patrol, his community, and our nation. He has dealt with tough border security and immigration issues, and his expertise helped make our nation more secure. As a former Border Patrol agent and Sector Chief myself, I am confident in saying that Chief Barker serves as an excellent example for all members of the Border Patrol and law enforcement officials everywhere.

Chief Barker is also a devoted family man and community leader. He has a wife, the former Jacques Witt, a daughter, Allison, and a stepson, Michael, and I know that he made a great sacrifice leaving his home and family temporarily in El Paso to accept the position of Deputy Chief in Washington. He did so at a critical time for the Border Patrol, and the Patrol is better for it, as is the state of our nation's homeland security.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Chief Luis E. Barker for his many years of exemplary service to America and in wishing him all the best in his retirement.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 12

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine development effectiveness of infrastructure projects relating to multilateral development banks.

SD-419

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 660, to provide for the acknowledgement of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

SD-106

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine immigration issues.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine S. 3495, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Vietnam.

SD-215

10:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Frederic S. Mishkin, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be First Vice President, and J. Joseph Grandmaison, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, both of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Geoffrey S. Bacino, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, and Edmund C. Moy, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury.

SD-538

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine strengthening participation of small businesses in Federal contracting and innovation research programs.

SR-428A

11:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Marc Spitzer, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

SD-366